

PUBLIC WORK COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2014

SIGN IN

DON THOMPSON

RON SIMPSON

PAUL JACKSTADT

ED HAGNAUER

JACK JENKINS

BILL DAVIS

GERALD WILLIAMS

VIRGIL KAMBARIAN

DAN MCDOWELL

BRENDA WHITAKER

ALDERMAN THOMPSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

THOMPSON TURNED OVER MR. SIMON.

SIMON STATED THAT I AM THE ONE THAT PRESENTED THE PETITION FROM LAST MEETING AND THERE A TWO THINGS; FIRST IS THE PUBLIC BEHIND ME I WANT THEM TO BE TOTALLY AWARE, AND SECOND HOW THE ALDERMAN VOTED.

THOMPSON STATED THAT HE IS 5TH WARD ALDERMAN AND HE VOTED AGAINST IT I DO NOT WANT TO SEE RICHMOND BLOCKED OFF.

KAMBARIAN STATED THAT FIRST THEY WERE GOING TO CLOSE OFF TERRACE LANE BUT HAD TO HAVE APPROVAL FROM THE WHOLE COUNCIL. NEXT AS YOU KNOW WERE AMOS WAS A ONE WAY AND WERE TOLD THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT TILL WE HAVE THE CLEAR RIGHT OF WAY. SO WHEN WE GOT THE CLEAR RIGHT OF WAY AS YOU KNOW IT IS NOW A 2 WAY. I WOULD KNOW VOTE TO RECONSIDER. BOTTOM LINE IS THEY AND WE WANT TO MAKE THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFER. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS A WAY TO DO THAT. I TRULY REGRET THAT THE ISSUE HAS HAPPENED AND THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH IT. I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT THERE IS AN ANSWER. AFTER ALL IF WE CLOSE ONE STREET WE WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE OTHER STREET. THE OVERPASS WAS PUT IN BECAUSE OF THE HIGH SPEED RAIL. I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD CALL IT PROGRESS; I DON'T CALL IT PROGRESS ESPECIALLY IF I LIVE IN THAT NEIGHBOR HOOD. UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S THE SITUATION.

MCDOWELL STATED I GO ALONG WITH WHAT KAMBARIAN SAID. WHAT PROMPTED THIS WAS THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC FLOW THREW THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IN 2003 THE TRAFFIC COUNTS 160 EAST BOUND AND 130 WEST BOUND; AND IN 2011 THE 540 EAST BOUND AND 550 WEST BOUND AND INCREASE OF 375% IN TRAFFIC. YOU NEIGHBORS COMPLAINING THE TRAFFIC AND THERE IS NO GOOD FIX FOR THIS. PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM THE OUTSIDE TO CUT THREW.

JACKSTADT STATED THAT HE VOTED FOR ONLY TEMPORARY FOR 3 MONTHS AND I AM HOPEFUL WITH THE STREET NOW A TWO-WAY THE TRAFFIC FLOW WILL BE LESS.

WILLIAMS STATED THAT HE VOTED FOR IT ONLY TEMPORARY FOR 3 MONTHS.

SIMPSON STATED THAT HE VOTED AGAINST IT; I WANTED TO SEE HOW THINGS WENT AFTER THE MEDIAN WAS TAKEN OUT.

SCHMIDTKE STATED THAT WE JUST CAN'T JUST GO AROUND SHUTTING DOWN STREETS FOR CONVENIENCE.

DAVIS STATED THAT HE VOTED NO.

DAVIS TURNED TURN OVER TO GLORIA HARRISON.

HARRISON STATED SHE 2715 FAIR OAKS DRIVE WHERE THE BARRIER IS GOING TO BE PLACED OUTSIDE OF OUR GARAGE, I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS. I HAVE HEARD 3 MONTHS AND 6 MONTHS?

MCDOWELL STATED THAT IS FOR SIX MONTHS.

HARRISON STATED THAT WHEN SOMETHING IS APPROVED DO THEY ALDERMAN NOT CONSULTS WITH THE PEOPLE OR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OR DO THE ALDERMAN COME AROUND TO TALK WITH US?

KAMBARIAN STATED THAT WE REALLY DON'T HAVE A NEWS PAPER ANY MORE. THE CITY NOW HAS 5 WARDS INSTEAD OF 7; SO THAT LEAVE EACH WARD WITH 5-6 THOUSAND PEOPLE FOR WARD. USUALLY WHAT HAPPENS IS WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW; IF THERE IS AN ISSUE THAT SOME ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THEN THEY WILL LET US KNOW AND OBVIOUSLY YOU HAVE.

HARRISON ASKED I ANYONE COULD TELL HER WHY AT ONE TIME WE HAD FIVE ENTRANCES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE ARE NOW GOING DOWN TO ONE CAN ANYONE ANSWER WHY?

NO ANSWER.

HARRISON STATED THAT IT DOES SEAM LIKE LESS TRAFFIC SINCE THE ROAD IS NOW OPENED UP WHY CAN'T JUST LEAVE AS, IS THAT A POSSIBILITY?

THOMPSON STATED THAT WE ARE HOPING TONIGHT TO APPEAL THE ORDINANCE THAT IS IN EFFECT NOW. WE VOTE ON IT TONIGHT FOR THE ATTORNEY TO DRAW UP AN APPEAL.

KAMBARIAN STATED THAT THIS IS HOW IT WORKS, SOMETIME WE PASS AN ORDINANCE AND RECOGNIZE THAT SOMETIMES IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE PUBLIC OUR RESIDENTS. SO IF YOU WERE A PERSON THAT VOTED FOR BEFORE YOU CAN GO BACK AND REPEAL WITH A VOTE.

HARRISON STATED THAT SHE IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS THAT THIS WILL HAVE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD. EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT JEOPARDIZING OUR POLICE EMERGENCY AND FIRE PROTECTION TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU RECONSIDER PUTTING THE BARRICADE ON RICHMOND. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BARRICADE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD YOU MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN THERE IS A BARRICADE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD THAT PEOPLE HAVE SEVERE ROAD RAGE. I HAVE WITNESSES FOR MANY YEARS AND I WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE ANY OF YOU TO COME SEE THAT AT ANY TIME; I BEEN TOLD THAT THERE WOULD BE SIGNAGE AND WE ALL KNOW THAT NOT EVERYONE READS SIGNAGE. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME EXPRESS MY OPINION AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU CHOOSE NOT TO PUT THE BARRICADE FOR THE SAFETY OF FAIROAKS AND AMOS COURT RESIDENTS. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CHANGES SO I ASK YOU TAKE THE TIME TO SEE THE MOST RECENT CHANGE THE TWO LANE SO WE DID SOLVE THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM BEFORE MAKING ANOTHER CHANGE. AND LAST I LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO TALK TO YOUR RESIDENTS BEFORE YOU GO CHANGE SOMETHING, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THOMPSON TURNED OVER TO NEAL ADAMS AT 3728 FAIROAKS.

ADAMS STATED IF BARRICADES ARE PUT UP PEOPLE WILL BE TURNING AROUND IN MY YARD AND NEIGHBORS; ALSO HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED SPEED BUMPS.

THOMPSON TURNED OVER TO NANCY WILLIAMS.

WILLIAMS STATED THAT SHE WILL BE READING A LETTER FROM LISA NELAN AT 3719 FAIROAKS. I TRAVEL TERRACE ON DAILEY BASES AND IF CLOSED OFF IT WOULD ADD TIME TO HER DAY. EMERGENCY RESPONDER TIME WILL INCREASE. SHE ASKED WHY NO ONE WAS NOTIFIED AND IT WAS JUST DONE. CHILDREN PLAY OUTSIDE EVERY DAY AND HAVEN'T NOTICED NO INCREASE IN TRAFFIC.

BOTTOM LINE THE STREET CLOSER NEGATIVELY IMPACTS THE RESIDENTS OF FAIR OAKS AND AMOS; IN MY OPINION I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE STREET REMAIN OPEN.

NANCY WILLIAMS 3719 FAIROAKS; RESIDENT FOR 28YRS, I WOULD HAVE TO QUESTION WHY WE ARE COMPARING A TRAFFIC COUNT FROM 2011 TO 2014. BECAUSE YOU HAVE MADE A HUGE CHANGE TO THE CITIZENS OF GRANITE CITY BY THE OVER PASS; BY THE DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS YOU GET TO NAMEOKI RD. FROM PONTOON RD. THEY DIDN'T AGREE WITH IT. IT WAS AN INCONVENIENCE BUT THINGS HAVE SETTLED DOWN GREATLY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. IN THE BEGINNING A LOT OF TRAFFIC AND ROAD RAGE. WITH THE BARRICADE YOU ARE JUST ASKING TO ELEVATE THAT ALL OVER AGAIN. YOU WILL HAVE PEOPLE TURNING AROUND IN YARDS AND DRIVEWAYS AGAIN.

THOMPSON TURNED OVER TO KEN SIMON ON OAK LAWN TERRACE.

SIMON STATED THAT WITH THE NEW OVER PASS HE WOULD LIKE MORE SIGNAGE FOR THE PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT DIRECTION TO GO. I HEARD THAT IT IS A GRAY AREA CITY VS STATE, STATE HIGHWAY VS CITY; THERE HAS TO BE SOMEONE FROM THE STATE THAT WILL LISTEN. THIS WOULD HELP THE FOREIGN TRAFFIC IT WON'T STOP THE LOCAL. THE LOCALS ARE STILL GOING TO CUT THREW. SO CLOSING RICHMOND REALLY ISN'T THE ANSWER. MY DAUGHTER LIVES AT 3736 SHE HAS A SEVEN YEAR OLD AND HAS NO PROBLEM WITH TRAFFIC. I FEEL SORRY FOR THE PEOPLE ON TERRACE LANE IT'S A THROUGH FAIR RIGHT KNOW. ONE THING THAT WOULD HELP WOULD BE TO MAKE AN EXTRA LANE FORM AMOS TO NORTH ST. TO PONTOON RD. SIGNAGE IS MY MAIN ISSUE AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE YET. SIGNS WOULD REALLY HELP.

THOMPSON TURNED OVER TO JENNIFER SMITH AT 3756 FAIR OAKS.

SMITH STATED SHE WOULD APPRECIATE IF THEY WOULD NOT BLOCK OFF THE STREET, BLOCK OFF THE ENTRANCE TO PONTOON ROAD IF NEEDED.

THOMPSON TURNED OVER TO SARA HOYMER AT 40 TERRACE LANE.

HOYMER STATED THAT IS THE FIRST THAT I HAVE HEARD THAT THE STREET IS GOING TO BE TORN UP.

COUNCIL STATED THAT THEY WILL NOT BE TEARING UP THE STREET.

THOMPSON TURN OVER TO LAWRENCE PETER 13 TERRACE LANE.

PETER STATED CLOSING OFF RICHMOND I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT JUST WHAT THAT IS GOING TO CHANGE; IF YOU CLOSE OFF TERRACE LANE AT PONTOON RD. IT ALLEVIATES THE ENTIRE PROBLEM. I HAVE A HAND OUT WITH ISSUES ON TERRACE LANE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL.

THOMPSON STATED THAT WE ARE HERE TO ONLY DISCUSS THE CLOSING OF TERRACE LANE, IF YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL YOU CAN GO TO THE CLERKS OFFICE AND GET A FORM TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL AT THE NEXT MEETING.

THOMPSON TURN MEETING OVER TO JOHN MANOOGIAN AT 3732 FAIR OAKS.

MANOOGIAN STATED IT SEAMS THE COUNCIL IS RECEPTIVE TO RECONSIDERING TO APPEAL THE ORDINANCE AND I THINK THAT SAFETY IS AN ISSUE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. I RECOMMEND THAT WE DO A STUDY INTO LOOKING INTO SPEED BUMPS. I THINK THE COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING NEW BUSINESSES AND GETTING THE NEWSPAPER BACK. PLEASE LOOK INTO THE STUDY OF THE SPEED BECAUSE WE DO HAVE MANY KIDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THOMPSON TURNED OVER TO MARGARET KUENKLER AT 3712 FAIR OAKS.

KUENKLER STATED FIRST ALL WHEN IT'S ELECTION TIME YOU FIND OUR HOUSE AND KNOCK ON THE DOOR AND ASK FOR OUR VOTE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPLAINED THAT THEY TRY TO HELP EVERYONE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

MOTION BY JACKSTADT, SECOND BY DAVIS TO DO A SECOND STUDY ON TRAFFIC ON TERRACE LANE AND RICHMOND. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY DAVIS TO HAVE THE ATTORNEY CHECK INTO A SPEED BUMP FOR THE AREA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY DAVIS TO HAVE THE ATTORNEY DRAW UP A REPEAL ORDINANCE 8429 TO BLOCK ACCESS TO RICHMOND AVE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH FAIR OAKS DRIVE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY DAVIS TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.